

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/683,973

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/10/2003.
 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
 3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/10/2003 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-27 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent Claim 1 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record, since the cited references taken alone or in combination do teach or suggest: *writing the compressed data block to the data sector field at a second write frequency less than the first write frequency so that the written compressed data block occupies substantially the physical length of said data sector field.*

Independent Claim 13 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record, since the cited references taken alone or in combination do teach or suggest: *a compression engine which compresses a first data block to provide a compressed data block, the first data block having a size equal to said selected amount of data; and a communication channel coupled to the compression engine and the data storage medium which writes the compressed data block to the data sector field at a second write frequency less than the first write frequency so that the written compressed data block is provided with a reduced linear bit density as compared to a linear bit density that would be achieved by writing the first data block to the data sector field at the first frequency.*

Independent Claim 27 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record, since the cited references taken alone or in combination do teach or suggest: *means for using data compression to store a compressed*

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representation of the first data block to the data sector field at a second linear bit density less than the first linear bit density.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Kinoshita et al. (US 4912570); Nakamura (US 6967803); Morris et al. (US 6449116); Yokota et al. (US 5999508) ; Shimoda et al. (US 5404248) ; Belser (US 6008960); Chheda (US 7046467); Nagashima et al. (US 6,205,104); Suzuki (US 5406428); Suzuki et al. (US 5,819,214); Hayami et al. (US 2002/0093750); Leis et al. (US 5,862,005) ; Shoff et al. (US 6,944,742); Hull et al. (US 5592342); Okamoto et al. (US 6,201,654).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dismery E. Mercedes whose telephone number is 571-272-7558. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne R. Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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